

Our local station KDNL, ABC 30 is owned by Sinclair Broadcasting. I understand Sinclair is planning to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I think this is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. A functioning democracy needs a truly free press. Large corporations owning and controlling all the media is contrary to that. We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.